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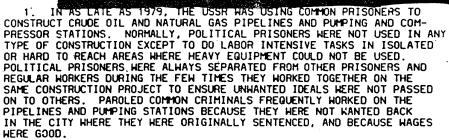
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COUNTRY: US

SUBJECT:

SOVIET USE OF COMMON PRISONERS FOR PIPELINE AND PUMPING STATION CONSTRUCTION USE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS FOR LABORIOUS TASKS PRISONER LODGING IN MOBILE WAGONS IDOI: 1970-19791

SOURCE





COMMON PRISONERS WERE USUALLY-SUPPLIED BY THE JUDICIAL COURTS 2. COMPON PHISONERS WERE USUALLY SUPPLIED BY THE JUDICIAL COURTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF THE CONSTRUCTION. LABOR QUOTAS HERE PASSED BY THE CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION TO THE LOCAL COURTS FOR FULFILLMENT. CONVICTED PRISONERS SERVING SENTENCES UP TO FIVE YEARS HERE ASSIGNED TO THE CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR INCARCERATION HITH MANY CONTINUING ON FOLLOHING THEIR TERM. CONVICTED PRISONERS SERVING SENTENCES LONGER THAN FIVE YEARS HERE SENT BY THE COURT TO REGULAR PRISONS AND LABOR CAMPS.

3. PRISONERS WERE PAID ABOUT ONE-THIRD THE NORMAL 250 RUBLES PER MONTH PAID TO NON-CONVICT WORKERS. OUT OF THIS PAY, EACH PRISONER HAD TO BUY FOOD FROM A LOCAL CANTEEN AND COOK IT IN HIS HAGON HOUSE. AT SOME CONSTRUCTION SITES MESS HALLS HERE PROVIDED, AND THE COST
OF SUCH MEALS TOOK THE PRISONERS' ENTIRE MONTHLY PAY. PRISONERS
ALHAYS LIVED ALONG WITH REGULAR HORKERS IN HAGON LODGINGS NORMALLY
ACCOMMODATING FOUR OCCUPANTS. THE HAGONS MEASURED ABOUT 12 METERS
IMI LONG BY THO M WIDE BY 3.5 M HIGH. THE HAGONS HERE GROUPED TO-CONSTRUCTION SITE: HORKERS DEPARTED THE FENCED COMPOUNDS IN THE MORNINGS AND RETURNED IN THE EVENING FOLLOWING HORK. PRISONERS ALWAYS UNDER GUARD, BUT ACTUAL CHECKS BY THE SECURITY GUARDS HAS PRISONERS WERE

ALMAYS UNDER GUARD, BUT ACTUAL CHECKS BY THE SECURITY GUARDS WAS COMPLETED ONLY THICE WEEKLY.

4. PRISONERS AND THEIR WAGON LODGINGS MOVED AS THE ACTUAL PIPETLINE OR PUMPING STATION CONSTRUCTION WAS COMPLETED. WAGON COMPOUNDS ASSOCIATED HITH PUMPING AND COMPRESSOR STATIONS NORMALLY STAYED SEMIPERMANENT DURING THE ENTIRE COURSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION.

5. COMMENT: SOURCE WAS SPECIFICALLY ASKED, BASED ON HIS MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN SUPERVISING PIPELINE AND COMPRESSOR STATION CONSTRUCTION, IF POLITICAL PRISONERS HOULD BE USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SIBERIA TO WESTERN EUROPE NATURAL GAS PIPELINE. HE REITERATED THAT POLITICAL PRISONERS MIGHT BE USED IN COLD OR MARSHY AREAS TO CLEAR TIMBER OR LEVEL EARTH, BUT THAT THEY HOULD NEVER BE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH OTHER COMMON PRISONERS OR REGULAR HORKERS FOR FEAR OF SUBVERSION. HE SAID POLITICAL PRISONERS HOULD PROBABLY NEVER BE USED OUTSIDE. THE ISOLATED GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THEIR INTERNMENT. TAUGUST 1982)

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